

Thi saa har Gud elsket  
Verden, at han gav sin  
Søn, den enbaarne, for at  
hver den som tror paa  
ham, ikke skal fortæbes,  
men have evigt Liv.

# HYR DEN

Jeg er den gode hyrde. Joh. 10, 11.

Den som tror paa ham,  
bliver ikke dømt; den som  
ikke tror, er allerede dømt,  
fordi han ikke har troet  
paa Guds enbaarne Søns  
Navn.

10de aargang.

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## Præken paa 25de Søndag efter Trefoldighet.

Av pastor J. P. Tandberg.  
Tekst: Matth. 24, 35—44.

## Bered dig til at møte din Gud i Kristus Jesus.

Dyrekjøbte og medforløste i Kristus Jesus. Naade og fred!

Dagens tekst peker især paa Jesus gjenkomst til at dømmende levende og døde. Den dag kjender intet menneske, ei heller skal vi søke at utregne dagen og timen; men Gud vil at vi skal leve slik at vi er færdige til at møte ham, naar han kommer og hvorledes han kommer. Enten du skal møte ham gjennom døden eller du skal oppleve hans komme i skyen med megen kraft og herlighet, saa skal du dog sikkert møte ham. Derfor sier han: "Værer ogsaa I berette! Thi Menneskens Søn kommer i den time I ikke mene."

Herren kommer i naade tiden. Kanske han staar for dit hjertes dør nu og banker. Vil du lukke op for ham, saa han kan komme ind til dig og dine? Han har kommet til dig mange Gange og paa mange maater, baade gjennom sit Ord og gjennom livets følelser. Den Hellig Aand har lagt sandheten baade om synd og naade med kraft ind paa dit hjerte. Har du bøiet dig for sandheten, er du en lykkelig sjæl. Eller kanskje du bedrøver den Hellig Aand med din motstand. Gud har sagt: "Min Aand skal ikke trættes med eder evindeligen" og "Ve eder om min Aand forlater eder!"

"Idag er naadens tid, idag er Gud at finde. Nu kan alvorlig flid hans milde hjerte vinde." "Søker Herren medens han findes, kalder paa ham den stund han er nær." "O, hvilken salig stund du fik, om du begyndte nu i dette øieblik." Bered dig til at møte din Gud medens det endnu heter idag. "Kommer dog og lader os gaa irette med hverandre, sier Herren; om eders synd er som purpur, skulle de bli hvite som sne; om de er røde som skarlaget, skulle de bli som ild."

Herren kommer til sine igjennem døden, for at flytte dem hjem. Han bad: "Fader, jeg vil, at hvor jeg er, der skal ogsaa de, som du har givet mig, være hos mig." "Naar jeg er gaat bort og har beredt eder sted, kommer jeg igjen og vil ta eder til mig, forat I skal være hvor jeg er." Har Faderen faat gi dig til Jesus, da er du beredt til at møte din Gud. Ja, han sier: "Frygt ikke du lille hjord! ti det har behaget eders Fader at gi eder riget." Du kan gjerne spørre med Peter, "Herre, er det os du taler om?" Kjender du noet til frelses fryd? Har du barnekaar og borgerret i himlene, da vil du nok synge: "O, hvilken Ære for tanken alt for stor, hans barn at være, som i det høie bor."

Men begyndt, er ikke endt. Du maa bli tro indtil enden, skal du arve livsens krone. Derfor, vaak og be at I ikke falde i fristelse; aanden er villig, men kjøttet er skrøbeligt. Maatte Gud hjelpe dig til at leve ret, saa vil du ogsaa dø ret!

Herren kommer paa hin den store dag, for at dømmende levende og døde. Er du da ferdig til at møte din Gud i Kristus Jesus? Der skal bli bare to flokker da: de velsignede og de forbandede. I hvilken flok blir du? "Da skulle to være paa ageren: den ene skal tages og den anden skal lades tilbake. To kvinder skulle male paa samme kvern; den ene skal tages og den anden lades tilbage. Vaaker derfor! Ti I vite ikke, i hvilken time eders Herre kommer."

Hvem er da berette til at møte Gud? Det er alene Guds barn. De som lever i livssamfundet med Gud. De sover sig ikke ind i dette forhold. De har lært at kjende sig selv som fortapte syndere; men de har ogsaa troet og tat imot naaden i Jesus Kristus. Du er i ham fri fra fordømmelsen og har i ham evigt liv. Hvorledes er det med dig, kjære ven? "Lever du det nye livet uti Jesu Kristi tro? Er dit navn i himlen skrevet? Faar du i Guds rike bo?" Ja, da er du berett til at møte Gud.

Men du da, som lever bare for denne verden for at nyte de glæder, som den kan gi. Du, som hverken bryr dig om Gud eller mennesker; men som bare vil nyte livets goder i denne verden, tror du at du skal faa en plads i himlen? Du som ikke kan taale Guds barn her og ikke

## DET MINDSTE VI KAN GJØRE.

November maaned er sat tilside for et specielt offer med tak til Gud for hans naade og miskund mot os. Markene kalder, baade her hjemme og i hedningeland. Mennesker dør — de trenger evangeliets trøst. Kirken trenger midler for at sende missionærer til de fjerne egne og for at ansætte hjemmemissionærer her i vort eget land.

Bevæget ved denne nød kommer de paa hvis skuldre I har lagt ansvaret for at utføre eders arbeide, til hver familie inden vort kirkesamfund og ber at de i november maaned vil ha paa sit spisebord en bøsse, hvori ved hvert maaltid familiens medlemmer kan lægge en cent. Bøssene tilsendes frit.

Ved kirkemøtet i sommer opsendtes bøn til Gud med tak og pris fordi han sendte regn da det saa mest haabløst ut. Vi blev den gang dypt rørt over Herrens naade og godhet. Har vi glemt vore følelser da vi hørte "regnet suse" (I Kong. 18, 41), det velsignede, efterlængtede regn? Der er dog store strænkninger som ikke fik regn. Men arbeidet blandt folket der maa holdes gaende. Og saa maa vi sende dem sjælesørgere.

Denne ofring, en cent ved hvert maaltid, "Gudspengen," er et kald til dig og mig, at vi daglig skal komme Guds miskund i hu. Kan vi mindre gjøre? Dette er et ekstra tiltak ved siden av vore regulære bidrag til menighet og kirkesamfund. Bøssene vil bli bragt til Herrens alter første søndag i december. Da kan vi, om der er git med kjærlighet og som en gudstjeneste, med glæde mindes de profetens ord som staar at læse paa bøssene: "Bær hele tienden ind i forraadskammeret, saa der kan findes mat i mit hus, og prøv mig paa denne maate, sier Herren, hørskares Gud, om jeg ikke vil aapne himmelens sluser for eder i rikelig maal!" (Mal. 3, 10).

La os i dette fælles løft "prøve" Herren, vor Gud, og hans løfter. Jeg ber eder, brødre, om at hver menighet og hver prest maa ta del i dette specielle takoffer. Da vil vi "glæde os tilhobe" naar vi ser hvad der utrettes ved dette specielle tiltak.

Og I, mødre, i menigheten, jeg ber eder om at se til at bøssen staar paa bordet, at pengene lægges i den, og at barna faar besked om hvad det betyr at gjøre Herrens gjerning samt ansvaret derved.

Maa Gud velsigne dette vort beskedne tiltak saa at Kristus kan ta det i sine hender og som i sit kjøds dage gjøre det som synes litet, til en stor tjeneste i Guds rike.

J. A. Aasgaard.

## MESTERENS PENNING.

Og nu kommer begjær om at faa en-center for Guds rike!

Ved et hastig overblik synes den paatænkte "penny-a-meal" plan som tænkes gjennomført i løpet av november at være noget trivial, naar vi betænker hvorledes Gud har velsignet os fra slekt til slekt. Men planen har dog betydning. Den vil redde budgettet iaar, dersom den blir trolig gjennomført.

Men "hvem vil foragte den ringe begyndelses dag?" (Sak. 4, 10). Er det ikke netop paa denne maate Gud gir os sine gaver ut fra sit store skatkammer? Er det ikke ved hans nødtvungne omsorg at jorden frembringer hvert enkelt hvete-korn, havre-korn, osv., hvert græsstraa, hver plante av alle slags? Paa denne maate skaffer han os alt det vi trenger til næring og klær. Det ene som kræves er at der blir mange nok av disse korn, græsstraa og planter.

Dollars bestaar av en-center. Blir der mange nok, da faar vi dollars nok. I tider som disse er det lettere at finde en-center end at finde dollars. Det vækker en følelse av taknemmelighet og inspiration hos mig naar jeg forestiller mig en halv million mænd, kvinder og barn i et hundre tusen hjem stansende et øieblik ved hvert maaltid for paa denne maate at opsende tak til Gud for hans faderlige omsorg. Det vil opvarme vore hjerter, naar vi sitter rundt vort familiebord og yder vore lille bidrag, at vite at i tusener av andre hjem lik vort eget, bønner sendes ut til Gud om hans hjælp for sin kirke og at gaver lik vores lægges i bøssen paa bordet — alt indvidd til ham som dækker vort bord med sine gaver.

Der er mange iblandt os som er bedrøvet over at de ikke kan yde til Herren saa meget som de gjerne vilde i disse tider. For dem blir dette en anledning til at bli med i en omfattende bevægelse. En-centene vil hjelpe til at naa maalet. La der bli mange av dem.

Barna synes godt om planen. Forleden dag stanset en liten 7 aar gammel gut mig paa gaten for at høre om det var virkelig sandt som jeg hadde sagt at de skulde ha en bøsse paa bordet og lægge sin penny deri hvert maaltid. Jeg forsikret ham at det var sandt. Han sprang glad sin vei. Jeg aner at dersom disse pennies ikke kommer tilveie regelmæssig ved maaltidene, vil den lille fyr reise en ikke liten storm.

Somme vil maaske anse sig som undskyldt fordi de er paa "relief." Men er de? Er ikke vort "relief"-system ogsaa den maate hvorpaa Gud møter den nuværende krise? Meget av de penger der kommer ind i form av "relief" anvendes til uværdige maal. Selv om det ikke er rimelig at vente at de som faar hjelp paa denne maate skal yde sine dollars, saa er det dog mulig at de kan lægge ind sine pennies — og mange av dem — dersom kun hjertet er ret. Fortællingen om enken i Sarepta kaster lys netop paa en saadan stilling. Da hun var næsten fuldstændig lens, kom Guds profet til hende og bad om en del av det kummerlig litet hun hadde igjen. Det trængtes troesmod til at samtykke heri; men hun gjorde det. Som et resultat satte Gud hende paa "relief" i tre aar og ved hende opholdt han baade Elias og andre.

Nei, venner, la os ikke foragte den ringe begyndelse! La os gi denne plan vor hjertelige og aktive støtte og vi skal se heldige resultater. Vore en-center vil vokse til dollars og hjelpe til at redde vort budget; og vort møte med Gud tre ganger om dagen vil føre velsignelse over vor sjæl.

A. J. Bergsaker.

har noet bruk for Jesus, tror du virkelig at du kunde trives i himmelen? Nei, Du maa bli skikket for himmelen medens du lever her paa jorden, dersom du skal faa en plads der. Kjære ven, bruk naade-tiden medens det endnu heter idag for dig. Snart kan din naade tid være slut. Maatte Gud hjelpe os alle til at se baade livets og dødens alvor! Herre Gud, velsign ditt rikets arbeide iblandt os saa at dit navn kunde forherliges og sjæle frelses iblandt os! Amen.

## Litt om Gammelhjemmet i Bawlf.

Redaktøren for Hyrden bad mig om at skrive litt om gammel hjemmet i Bawlf. Jeg skal forsøke, skjønt jeg er udygtig til at skrive norsk-ellers har jeg ingen begavelse som skriver.

Bethany Gammel Hjem er det eneste barmhjertighedsanstalt vort samfund opholder i Kanada. Derfor bør hjemmet ligge os nær paa hjerte. Men skal vort folk bli interessert i anstalten, saa maa de ogsaa faa høre litt om dets gjøremaal og forhold. Jeg har ofte undret paa hvorfor det er saa litet skrevet om hjemmet — saa liten oppfordring om bidrag og understøttelse. Vi bør takke Gud for et saadant hjem i vort distrikt — takke ham for at vort folk saa nødvendigheten av at opføre sig selv for denne sak. Lat os staa denne institusjon bi i vore bønner saavel som i bidrag.

Da jeg ikke har noet med det finansielle ved hjemmet at gjøre, kan jeg ikke gi nogen opplysning i den retning. Hvis jeg har den korrekte underretning saa vil bestyrelsen i en nær fremtid gi en rapport i bladet disangående for dette aar. Det er dog klart at hjemmet trenger understøttelse nu under disse trange kaar. Derfor vil jeg opfordre vore menigheter i Kanada Distrikt, og især kvindeforeningerne, at huske hjemmet med en Julegave — enten i penger eller klær. Hvis klær sendes skulde man først skrive til matronen ved hjemmet, Mrs. M. G. Barrie, saa vil hun gi full rede paa hvad som trænges for nærværende. Hvis penge sendes, bør de sendes til bestyreren, Mr. John Soberg. Alle bidrag vil bli mottatt med tak.

Det er for nærværende tyve beboere ved hjemmet — fire kvinder og seksten mænd. Alle er saa nogen lunde frisk. Kun en er sengeliggende og det paa grund av alderdomssvaghed. Jeg er glad at jeg kan si at de gamle paa hjemmet har det godt og hyggeligt. De som stiller med dem gjør hvad de kan for at de gamle skal ha det hyggeligt og bekvemt. Hvis Der er nogen som klager saa er det fordi man selv gjør det ubehageligt baade for sig selv og andre. Hvist nok kunde et bedre hus bygges, men vi bør være taknemmelig at vi har et saapas hus. Hygge og hjemlighet bestaar ikke av store og pene stenbygninger, men av god forstaaelse iblandt beboerne. Maa

Gud ved sin hellig aand faa lede de gamle saa at naar flytte dagen kommer, at de kan faa flytte ind i Guds bolig, som ikke er bygget av hender, men av Gud selv. Paa hjemmets vægne vil jeg sende hilsen til alle bladets læsere.

Hjerteligste,

Hjemmet's prest P. L.

## Brev til Hyrden.

Av. Mrs. S. R. Rogness, Balwi, Alta.

Ærede redaktør av bladet, Hyrden — Pastor H. L. Urness:

Da vi er bedt om at sende lidt til bladet, Hyrden — ogsaa fordi jeg er bedt personlig derom — saa vil jeg forsøke. Men det er ikke saa liketil for mig som er over syv-og-sytti aar gammel, og som er skjælvende paa hænderne, tanken og hukommelsen svækket, og hørelsen meget daarlig; men Gud være lovet at jeg endnu ser nogenlunde, og at Han har ladet mig beholde forstanden og lysten til læsning.

Da hørelsen er saa meget svækket faar jeg ikke den utbytte av Gudstjenesten i kirken som ønskes. Derfor læser jeg ifra de forskjellige tekster til min oppbyggelse. Men min største skat er den umistelige Bibelboken som Gud med hele sit væsens indhold findes og som er os given til opplysning, veiledning, selvprøvelse, trøst og styrke paa vandringen igjenem trængslernes taaredal. Ja, blot for denne Bibelbok, den kjære, hvor den treenige Gud er at finde med al sin naade og velsignelse til mig fattige synder, er det at jeg endnu lever og kan rusle omkring som jeg gjør — skjønt støvhytten falder og det meget fort.

Trods mine svagheder har jeg for det meste mødt op to gange i maaneden — en gang i Missionsforeningen, og den anden gang i Kvindeforeningen. Jeg er saa glad at se saa mange samles paa disse møter og at vi har vort prestefolk med os. Ja, vi har saa meget at takke Gud for som har Gudsord's forkyndelse — purt og rent — iblandt os. Aaja, jeg, som har levet saa lang tid, har saa usigelig meget at takke og love ham for — ogsaa bede om forladelse for alt det jeg har fortørnet ham, min sjælsbrudgom, Jesus, som maatte lide den forsmædeligste død paa korset's træ for min og al verdens synd. Jeg usle stov følger mig saa aldeles uværdig til alt det som er gjort mod mig i alle disse aar som jeg har levet. I den lange tid jeg har vært enke har jeg saa ofte faat erfaret; at han er enkers forsvar og de faderløses Fader. Til ham kan man trygt overgive sig og lægge alt i hans trofaste haand. Da gaar det dag for dag indtil vi maalet naar.

"Fristelsernes storme suse ofte her paa livets hav; Modgangs bølger voldsomt bruser, dog de bliver ei min grav. Storme skal ei række mig, naar jeg naar til Himmerig; Her i tiden er min sang — stormen lægger sig en gang."

Saa sier sangeren. Saa skal vi faa være med den store hvite skare — synge Lammet's nye sang. Der skal vi ogsaa møte vore kjære — som vi haaber er hjemme hos Herren. Gud være tak som har git os haab om gjensyn og evig salighet. Derfor vil jeg sige til alle Guds børn: hold fast ved det du har at ingen skal ta din krone.

Jeg liker bladet, Hyrden, godt. Jeg holder ogsaa Lutheraneren og Decoraposten. I disse blade faar jeg da læse om kirkens nyheter og gjøremaal — samt mange aandelige betragtninger.

Som de vet har vi et Gammelhjem i Bawlf. Vor prest, past. Lerseth, er den som forretter der, hvad Gudsord og det kirkelige angaar. Jeg følger mig hjemme hos de gamle paa hjemmet. (Jeg er ikke en beboer ved hjemmet. Lever hos min dater nær Bawlf.) Har et par gange feiret min fødselsdag der. Bagte litt "cookies" og kjøpte kaffe og sukker som jeg tog med mig til hjemmet. Mrs. Jensen og andre bragte "cake" saa jeg blir mindet om Guds godhet, ved menneskenes velgjørenhet, imod mig arme stov.

Ja, dette er baade første og sidsste gang jeg skriver til Hyrden. Faar vel skyld paa presten for at dette blev gjort denne gang.

Saa en hjertelig hilsen til redaktøren og bladets læsere.

Haugen, Rev. Arnold K. mar33



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Det vil nok ikke la sig gjøre, som nævnt i forrige nummer, at utgi et større julenummer av Hyrden. Selv om ikke det kan bli gjort, saa vil vi prøve at gjøre Dec. numret, saa meget som muligt til et passende julenummer. Vil igjen minde om, at korte digte, fortellinger m.m. passende for jul, vil med glæde mottages.

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## Hr. Redaktør:

Helt siden Aarsmøtet siste sommer, har jeg gaat med en tanke, som jeg nu vil la andre ogsaa bli delaktig i. Tanken, eller skulde jeg si. problemet er dette: Naar nu vor Formand, pastor J. J. Akre, slutter sitt virke blandt os neste sommer, saa er det ikke riktig av os, som distrikt at la ham gaa fra os uten at ha betalt ham tilbake hva vi skylder ham. — Nu, for hans store tjenester aandelig set, kan vi aldri betale ham tilbake, men vi kan sannelig betale ham tilbake hva han har betalt ut for distriktet til Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minn.

Enkelt kan vel si at de skylder ikke noget til Hyrden, og de har betalt alt det de skulde betale til Hyrden, og mere til. Ja, ja, kan hende det. Men selv om du har gjort det, saa tror jeg ikke du vil tape paa det, broder, søster, om du nu blir med i en saakalt "sneball-rulling." Sneen kommer om ikke saa lang tid, kanskje er her før denne artikkel kommer frem til dig, og la os saa faa denne sneballen rigtig stor før sneen smelter. Vel, for at forklare hvad jeg mener: Jeg har sendt ind til vor kasserer, pastor Lokensgaard, Saskatoon, Sask., en dollar, som skal gaa til avbetaling paa Hyrdens gjeld til pastor Akre. Og samtidig har jeg utfordret hr. Geo. Gilbertson, Frontier, Sask., pastor I. J. Saugen, Viking, Alta., pastor A. M. Vinje, Bagley, Sask., til at gjøre det samme; nemlig dette: Betale en dollar til kassereren for Hyrden, og saa utfordre tre andre til at gjøre det samme. Disse tre kan saa igjen utfordre andre tre. Paa den maaten skulde det ikke bli saa lenge før vi kunde faa ind det som vi skylder vor formand, finansiel.

Venner! La der bli riktig god fart paa sneball-rulling. Det vil bli en skam for os, ja, en skamplav, som ikke blir saa god til at vaske av, om vi lar vor formand, som saa trolig har arbeidet for os og blandt os, om vi lar ham gaa til neste sommer uten at faa tilbakebetalt dette laanet.

R. Dahle-Melsæther.

## Til Hyrdens Læsere.

**Guds Naade og Fred!** Jeg vil ogsaa ihøst sende en liden hilsen fra Camrose, hvor vi har vor Lutherske bibelskole for Canada.

Det er nu tredje aar at skolen skal aabnes. Gud har rikelig velsignet os de to forrige aar. Mange studenter har kommet og en god enhets aand har raadet. Mange av de unge er nu ute i arbeidet blandt yngre og ældre. Det er slike arbeidere vi trenger flere av her i Canada hvor prestene

har store kald og vanskelige veie at komme frem.

Mange har ogsaa iaar uttrykt sig at de vil komme til Bibelskolen, vi takker Gud for det.

Men vi har endnu ikke noet hus til at tage imott vore kjære studenter. Vi har bedt Gud ogsaa om den ting men hidtil har vi ikke seet nogen mulighet. Nu til bydes et hotel tilsalg for den rimelige pris av \$2000.00 med senger og tilbehør. Vor bøn er at Gud vil lægge det ind paa vennernes hjertet at gi de midler som trænges til at kjøbe denne bygning. Den vil huse ca. femti studenter samt have kjøken, spiseseværelse og læseværelse.

Skolen begynder iaar den 19de nov. Til vor ungdom siger vi hjertelig velkommen. Til de ældre siger vi ogsaa kom os ihu i eders bønner og med de gaver som Gud saa rikelig har skjænket eder, "Samler eder skatte med den urette Mammon."

Hjertelig hilsen til Hyrdens læsere.

I Kristus forbundne.

G. M. Trygstad.

Det netop avsluttede kredsmøte i Wel-don var et velsignet møte. Vidnesbyrdene lød kraftig fra baade læg og lær, saa enhver maatte si, her er godt at være.

Jeg skal ikke befatte mig med at gi noget referat fra møtet, det vil nok sekretæren sørge for; men der var en ting som syntes mig noget uheldig, og det var dette at kredsens forretningsmøte optok omtrint en hel session av tiden. Nu vet jeg at saadant møte er absolut nødvendig; men kunde det ikke ordnes slik at prestene og delegatene møttes dagen forut, utføre sine forhandlinger og ved sekretæren rapportere til møtet ved passende leilighet. Derved vilde en hel session, som kunde anvendes til ordets forkyndelse, indspares.

Jeg indser nok at dette vilde lægge endnu en byrde paa prestene og delegater og det lader sig kanskje ikke gjennomføres; men jeg tror at det vilde være til øget velsignelse om hele møtet kunde benyttes til Guds ords betragtning. —B. J. Frostad.

## Fra Arbeidsmarken Vor.

*Stor Høitidelighet i Den Norsk lutherske Menighet i Calgary, Alta. Kirkens hus staar der nu gjeldsfritt. Et hoireist minde om tiltak, offervilje og samhold. Endnu et manende eksempel blandt de mange andre.*

Søndag 30. september var der stor fest i den norske kirke i Calgary en fest av de sjeldne. Kirkens gjeldspapir var betalt og skulde nu brendes. Festen begynte kl. 4 om eftermiddag med sang av forsamlingen hvorefter pastor Jovaag ledet i bøn og talte litt om dagens betydning. Saa blev ordet frit og noen av menighetens medlemmer fik anledning til at si litt om kirkens tilblivelse. Hr. Bjarnebo var første taler og ga en grei utredning av bygverkets historie fra det førsteammerslag og frem til hvad kirken er idag. Han sa det hadde været mange diskussioner og megen kamp de første aarene, men her som ellers vant taalmodigheten seir.

Tanken om at bygge kirke hadde gjæret lenge hos norsken i Calgary. Men i mange aar maatte et stort basement gjøre tjeneste som kirke. Det norske Folk har vært et kristent forkefærd og hadde vist sterk interesse for aandelige ting nærmere bestemt religionen, som er ensbetydende med den norsk lutherske kirke. Arne Garborg sa det best slik: "kirken staar i bondens tanke paa et høit sted." Om denne tanke stod det norske folk i Calgary som et hele betraktet og i 1923-24 blev paa murene av dette basementet kirken reist. Nu staar denne vakre kirke der med taarnet pekende mot himmelen som Guds kjærlighets mægtige tolk, som kalder, forsamler og Kristus forklarer, bygger Guds kirke oplyser hans folk. Her vil denne kirke staa selv om taarnene falder, og slekt efter slekt skal samles her og lytte til det gamle og altid nye budskap. Og barna til disse, byggets mænd og kvinder, vil i dag takke far og mor for denne arven de fik i denne kirke, og vil gjennem kommende slægter staa som et kjærlig minde om deres kamp og seir.

Takket være kvindeforeningen og dens kvinder med sine flittige hænder og som selv stod op og strede som de vare mænd. Nu kan ung og gammel træ ind i denne helligdom med trøst om at denne gjeld som har ligget som en mare over dem er utslettet. Noen av de kampens kvinder som har vært en viktig faktor i dette byggeri er disse: Fruerne E. Davidson, C. Foss, Hans Olsen, O. Hansen og H. Gunderson. At det settes stor pris paa det arbeide disse kvinder har utført, viste sig best hin søndag da kirken fylldes av glade mennesker som kom for at se det farlige papir gaa op i røk. En kunde høre de puste

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lettere med en gang. Jeg tænkte der jeg satt, om kvinderne fik styre rike og land mer end de gjør nu saa vilde mangt et gjeldspapir vært uskrevet. Og noe slikt som den hedenske krigsgjeld fandtes ikke, derfor la os ta hatten av for vore dygtige og kloke kvinder.

Mindes maa det ogsaa at det norske sprog og den norske presse har vært bærende kræfter for al norskdom i Amerika. Vi maa "slaa" ring om disse saa viktige faktorer, som har vært bindeledet mellem dem som drog ut og de som blev hjemme. Gjør vi det gjør vi bare litt — av alt — vi skylder disse rydningens kvinder og mænd som med sit staalsatte mot har rydet og pekt vei for utflytterfolket baade i time-lig og aandelig henseende. Gudsrygt er det bestemmende og bærer os over vanskelighetene naar alt andet brister.

Kan du under dit stræv og kav beholde Din barnlige tro til det sidste. Da har du regnbuen over din grav Glorien over dit virke.

—Simon Oyen.

**Moose Jaw Circuit** held its fall meeting in the Trinity congregation, Torquay, Oct. 18—21. The Committee on Elem. Chr. Educ. had prepared a good programme, and had been granted the first session of the meeting, Thursday, 2 P. M. — Pastor Sorgen, Lake Alma, gave a short address on: "Value of Elem. Chr. Educ. to the nation". Pastor E. E. Hoff, Moose Jaw, spoke on "Value of Elem. Chr. Educ. to the Church." The Trinity choir sang several songs. A discussion followed the addresses. The Egland sisters from Midale then entertained with singing, after which followed some closing remarks by pastor Odland, the local pastor. The circuit meeting proper then started Thursday night, 7.30. After opening devotional exercises was the opening sermon delivered by pastor S. D. Sorgen. Text: Acts: 26:19.

Pastor A. K. Odland, Circuit president, word of welcome and declared the meeting open in the name of the Triune God.

The discussion of Elem. Chr. Educ. continued with the result that a Sunday School Teachers' Alliance was organized. The following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. Horace Johnson, Torquay, Sask.; V.-P. Mr. H. Egland, Midale, Sask.; Sec. Miss Kristene Odland, Torquay, Sask.; Treas. Mrs. H. Nelson, Maxim, Sask.

Friday morning Pastor S. D. Sorgen led the devotional exercises. Text: Eph. 6:10-20.

Pastor R. Dahle-Melsæther introduced the convention theme: Isa. 57: 14-21. He had divided his introduction into 6 divisions, underscoring especially div. nos. 3 and 4. The div. were as follows:

1. The call to the prophet to do mission work.
2. Who is calling?
3. Why the calling? The purpose of it.
4. Present day conditions as compared with the times of the prophet.
5. God in His lovingkindness will give peace to those who return to Him.
6. Those who continue in their sins are like troubled sea.

Friday after noon: discussion of theme, and many were they who took part. It was encouraging to see and hear how much interest the lay

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people took in the convention theme discussion both in the after noon session and in the evening session. The former session was conducted in the Norwegian language, the later session in the English language.

Saturday morning: Devotional exercises led by pastor Dahle-Melsæther; Text: Isa. 55, after which followed continuation of discussion of convention theme. During all sessions a programme consisting of singing, solos, duets, quartets and choirs was provided.

Saturday after noon: Business session: 28 delegates representing 17 of the 27 congregations of the circuit, and the four pastors of the Dahle-Melsæther spok about the budget and the ingathering. Officers elected for the circuit: Pastor A. K. Odland, president, pastor E. E. Hoff, vice-president, pastor S. D. Sorgen, secretary, pastor R. Dahle-Melsæther, treasurer; Mr. H. Egland, Midale, Fin. Sec. Members of Com. on Elem. Chr. Educ. pastor A. K. Odland for a term of 3 yrs and pastor S. D. Sorgen for a term of 2 yrs. Speakers for next meeting: Opening sermon: pastor Sorgen, to introduce the convention theme: pastor Hoff, to preach Sunday morning: pastor Odland, and Mission sermon: Mr. J. E. Marken.

The remainder of the session was used by pastor Hoff and pastor Sorgen for short addresses in the Norwegian language, by special request.

Our beloved W. M. F. district president, Mrs. Laura Brun had attention session and she had so much to speak to the ladies about, she called for a special session for the ladies, after the business session of the circuit. And the newly elected president for the Sunday School Teachers' Alliance called for a special session of the Alliance to be held in the parsonage. Both these meeting were well attended. At the Alliance meeting it was decided that a Sunday School Institute be prepared for in connection with the Y.P.L.L. circuit convention next summer, either the week preceding or the week following the Y.P.L.L. convention. — Pastor Dahle-Melsæther also called the members of the financial committee together for a special meeting.

Saturday evening was given over



to the W.M.F. and report from this session will appear in the W.M.F. section of the paper.

Sunday morning: Divine service. Confessional address and Altar Service by pastor Dahle-Melsæther, Convention sermon by pastor E. E. Hoff. Text Lk. 15: 11-24.

Sunday after noon: Special Mission session. Mr. H. Egland delivered the mission sermon: Text, John 4: 31-38.

Pastor Odland, also Secretary of the Board of Home Mission, spok on behalf of the home mission work, and told of the work now being done especially in the northern parts of Sask. and Alta.

Sunday evening the closing session of a most wonderful convention. Short addresses were given by the pastors present and by several lay people, all of whom were underscoring the great need of our Church and what divine blessings will follow if we obey the Lord:

(Reporter's note: It was a most blessed convention. Everybody seemed to have come to the meeting for the purpose of sharing with each other, encourage and comfort one another. And may we allways remember Eccl. 12:13: "Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man".

R. D.—M.

### News from Mossbank.

The "Immanuel L. A. met at the home of Mr. And Mrs. Letness on Thursday, Oct. 25. The meeting was very well attended. Rev. Dahle-Melsæther led the devotional programme with Scripture reading and prayer, followed with hymn singing. The pastor also read some very interesting papers prepared by the W.M.F. Owing to the hard times it was decided not to have any fall-supper or sale, but that we rather ask the girls aid to prepare a basket social.

The Services in the St. Lukas' Church, Congress, last Sunday, Oct. 28, were well attended. Mr. Harold Peterson, member of the Financial Committee for Moose Jaw Circuit, gave a most interesting address on the budget and the work of our church. The choir sang two beautiful songs: "Memories of Galilee" and "I do not ask to choose my path".

The Ladies' Aid of the "Grand Lutheran Church", Ettington, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Hodnefeld. The meeting was well attended. Rev. Dahle-Melsæther led the devotional programme, and also spoke about our Church Schools. A short business session followed. It was decided that, owing to the hard times and being that all the people in this district are on relief, that no supper or sale be put on this fall.

The annual fall-supper of the St. Lukas L. A., Congress, held on Nov. 1. was a success in every way. Good attendance, good spirit, good food, and a splendid programme. The supper was opened with hymn singing and Rev. Dahle-Melsæther read from Mk. 6:30-44 and led the audience in prayer. After the supper had been served a programme was presented, consisting of songs by choir, quartet, and solos, recitation and speeches, and the pageant "Living Water". The pageant was presented by four girls from Mossbank. After the pageant followed some closing remarks and admonitions by the pastor, and the programme closed with the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds."

Cor.

Confirmation services were held in St. John Lutheran Church, Rev. Jothens charge, on Sunday Nov. 4th at 11 o'clock. The following young persons were confirmed: Adeline Louise Keller. Ruth Amelia Stensrud, Mildred Ruth Larson. Esther Elizabeth Larson. Alice Mabel Nelson. Helen Annie Nelson. Laverne Anita Nelson. Florence Margaret Kolstad and Merle Russel Stensrud. An offering for missions was received in the amount of \$22.00. After a recess for lunch the congregation and confirmands gathered for communion service. This congregation has just finished some alterations and improvements on their church. The Ladies Aid furnished the funds.

Cor.

Three new Luther leagues have been organized in the Bagley Charge. These are in Melfort Creek, Beaver Creek, and Bethel congregations.

### Saskatoon Lutherans Unite for week of Services.

Three Lutheran churches in Saskatoon, the Augustana synod, the U. L. C. and the Norwegian Lutheran Church, joined efforts in a week of Christian Life meetings from Oct. 22nd to 28th. This was the second annual series of the kind. The topic discussed throughout the week was "Faith." Two services were held in each of the churches and the attendance was good throughout the entire week. On Sunday evening, Oct. 28th., a Reformation service was held with Rev. A. M. Vinge, Bagley, as the guest speaker. A large audience filled the church to overflowing. A massed choir, composed of the choirs of the three churches, sang throughout the week, and also at this last service.

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On Friday evening, Oct. 19th., members of Zion Lutheran Church in Saskatoon gave a pleasant surprise in honor of their pastor and his bride, Rev. and Mrs. B. O. Lokensgaard. They were presented with a purse of money as a gift. A pleasant evening was then enjoyed in the church parlors and at the close lunch was served by the ladies.

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### Elementary Christian Education.

In elementary christian education there are fundamental principles that constantly should be emphasized, and the Lutheran Church has some that are peculiar to her alone. Therefore the Lutheran Church must have her own Sunday-school. How is it with our Norwegian Lutheran Church here in Canada? Can we praise ourselves for our worthy work among our children? In many places we have carried on church work for years, and the Sunday-school work has been neglected. There are many churches on the Western Prairies where not one hour of Sunday-school has been conducted; still we expect the young to grow up and remain faithful and loyal to our church. The church that has failed to instruct her youth, has only one thing to expect, and that is that the young will fail to support her. A church that does not carry on home-mission work, and the most important branch of that is Sunday-school work, has lost its purpose. Dear reader do you have Sunday-school in your church, if not, your church is a failing church. The evangelistic program of a church must of necessity include the young if it shall remain to be an evangelical church.

The Lutheran Church is called an evangelical church, and rightly so if we as members of it remain true to her teachings. But too often we are not clear as to what we have in our own church. Too often our young are bewildered by reformed ideas; too often Sunday-schools are using non-Lutheran help, and many see no wrong whatsoever in so doing. We must learn to see, that he Lutheran Sunday-school is different from any other Sunday-school. Rev. J. R. E. Hunt says about the Lutheran Sunday-school: "There are certain fundamental principles which are peculiar to it alone. The Lutheran has a conception of the Sunday-school which is not the same as held by other denominations."

What are some of these peculiarities of the Lutheran Church? They are what we call the Distinctive

Doctrine of the Lutheran Church, and they comprises: man sin, grace, baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Where we meet the most opposition is on baptism, and the cause of that is that people fail to see that baptism is so closely connected to sin and grace. The Lutheran point of view on baptism is a natural consequence of the Biblical view on sin and grace. But how many of our Sunday-school teachers are clear on the subject of sin and grace?

Too often sanctification is preached to unregenerated people, and this has influenced our preaching on sin and grace, so that in many instances salvation becomes work. Man must save himself through his own effort. Sin is a thing which man must tear himself loose from if he shall be a Christian. Man must quit sin and make himself hate it and love God. To accomplish this, man must through his own strength produce a faith that will bring God's grace down. A person that only knows this selfexerting life, can never find that deep peace of God which passeth all knowledge. Paul said: "By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God; not of works."

Dr. Hallesby says in his book, "Opdragelseskristendom og vækkelseskristendom": "Man is through sin lost. He has no power in himself to get loose from old sins; not to speak of stop loving sin. Scripture tells us that Christ came to loose the bound." On the same page he also says: "Conversion does not consist of that man is able in his own strength to tear himself loose from old sins; nor in that man has power in himself to hate sin and love God. No, conversion consist of that the sinful man, who is convinced by the Holy Spirit about his sin, bows in deep humility and frankly confesses that he is bound in the chains of sin and that he loves sin and not God." Here we see the Biblical view on sin and grace. We can not do anything to save ourselves. We must become as a child, helpless, and be willing to let God do His gracious work within us.

Having seen the Biblical view on sin and grace, there will be no difficulty with the Lutheran teaching on baptism. How important is it not for the teachers to be clear and convincing in their presentations. Their whole teaching will be tinted by their personal view on sin and grace. May we who are in the work of christian instruction in the Lutheran Church here in Canada seek to lay hold on our Lutheran heritage.

### Are you working for the Lord?

This is harvest-time in the Lord's field. All have agreed to work for a penny a day for three months or a penny a meal for one month. Are you working? Yes all must be working now and fill the mission boxes and we shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves. Akre.

### "The Eyes of the Lord run to and fro."

"Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury." Mk. 12, 41.

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus, Grace and Peace.

The Mission activities of our Church are in need of funds. Our Lord is depending on us to help along with our "Penny a Day", "Penny a meal", or whatever way we find best.

The year is fast slipping by, and we are far from the goal. 10 months gone by, and 30% of the budget apportionment gathered in.

Pastors and members, will you take hold now. Will you put forth special effort NOW? We appeal to ALL, young and old. We appeal especially to you who also this year were blest with a crop. But even where there was little or no crop, while being very thankful for what has been done, we hope special effort will be put forth. It is the Cause of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Will you for the sake of Jesus Christ and His Church do what you can THIS MONTH. Will you all join in so our apportionment may be reached.

Your Co-worker,  
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### Statement from July 22nd to Sept. 30th.

Balance on hand July 22nd .....	\$ 93.63
Received through subscriptions ...	33.99
Received in donations .....	2.00
Received from ("Kirken og Hjemmet") Rev. Nyholm for Easter Issue .....	10.00
Total .....	\$139.62

### EXPENDITURES ...

For publication of July, Aug., and Sept. issues .....	\$ 58.39
Exchange .....	.50
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Total .....	\$ 59.39
Balance on hand Oct. 1st .....	\$ 80.23

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### YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

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### The Value of the Topic System in Luther League Work.

(This article on the Topic System is written by Pastor B. O. Lokensgaard, Saskatoon. An article on the Social Meeting will appear in the next number of Hyrden.)

One would almost think it unnecessary to write or speak about the merits of the Topic System so long a time after its adoption by most of our leagues. But experience has taught us that many leagues are slow to realize the advantages of the system, and therefore do not profit through using it. Some other type of program is used in preference to it, usually one composed of miscellaneous numbers. There is no definiteness, no uniformity, and, oftentimes, a lack of spiritual and educational content. These are the very features of the topic system that seems to make it far superior to any other type.

The topics, as outlined in the "Better Leagues" Quarterly, have one primary purpose, namely, the salvation of souls. This agrees splendidly with the object of all Luther Leagues in that it seeks "to establish the young people firmly upon Luther" triple foundation: The Word alone, Grace alone, and Faith alone; to cherish in them interest in all that is true and good; to foster among them Christian fellowship in the service of our Lord and our Church." It accomplishes this end by allowing room for evangelism, which is part of our major project as a league. And so, there is definiteness. Definiteness, not only in purpose, but also in plan & results. Each topic is carefully considered as to its salutary value before it enters the system. If it does not engender more love to God and to His Church, then it does not conform to this definite plan. It has been planned to this end that it may bring results. It's definiteness in purpose and plan are in themselves challenging in effect. Challenge the young people today and you will have results.

When we study the wonderful guide-book that we have in the "Better Leagues" Quarterly we cannot help but become aware of the uniformity in each program. From the opening devotional to the closing hymn the theme can be traced. There is not the all-too-often hodge-podge of features, but a program which one can enjoy without the fear of sudden transportation from one sphere to another. By the time the topic comes up for discussion the individual has been prepared through scripture reading, prayer, and song. Through its uniformity it concentrates the message through the various numbers, thus making it more lasting and pleasing. We can trace this uniform design, not only in individual programs, but in the entire topic month. The interesting program is always the one which has been carefully planned.

Since the Word of God is always the basis for each topic, the system excels in spiritual value. The spiritual element must be present in every Luther League meeting and this system makes ample provision for that. It gives the young people



an opportunity to deal with spiritual problems in every meeting. He does not merely become a listener to a sermon or address by some more experienced person, but is himself called on to bring God's message through the topic. Not only does the leader receive more benefit, but his fellow-workers become more interested. They are now dealing with their own problems. Thus the Word of God can become that truly rich heritage to each person. We hear objections at times that the young people are not capable of leadership in discussing spiritual matters. This is no doubt true in many instances, but here is where our greater responsibility begins. As long as we do nothing about it this leadership will never be developed. But this system has been designed for that very purpose of training the young in leadership in church affairs. Therefore it is always supervised by the pastor or some other responsible individual. The aim is not to make preachers of all but to train them so that they "be ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

Besides its definite purpose and uniform manner of presenting spiritual truths it also possesses great educational value. There are topics dealing with Missions, Schools, Christian education, and all the other phases of the church's work. Information concerning all branches of the church is thus brought directly to the attention of the young people. The young mind is always open to information. How sad is it not if we fail to see our responsibility here and supply the right information? Here is a opportunity to supply, in some measure, that Christian education, which is so lost sight of in our secular education.

No doubt, there are other plans that are profitable as far as Luther League programs are concerned, but we believe that the topic system embodies all the features that a good program should have. It is definite in purpose, uniform in design, spiritual and educational in content. If your league is not using the topic system we would have you test your system by the four questions which follow. A good program for the Luther League must answer satisfactorily these questions: 1. Is it evangelistic? 2. Does it protest sin? 3. Does it encourage support of league and Church? 4. Does it encourage prayer? The satisfactory answer is, "Yes." Every league program must measure up to one or more of these questions. Throughout the year it must have answered all of them. Could you improve your league by adopting the topic system?

### Out on the Hills with God.

(The writer of these verses states in his letter, "They are written, not for to be gotten into a paper, but as a token of remembrance of those wonderful days spent in Christian fellowship at Moose Jaw.")

What a vision of peace will descend on our soul,  
As our heart turned to God seeks Him as its goal!  
Now the many had come from the south and the north  
To feast His Word and pour their soul forth  
For His blessing to come to the youth of our land  
And fill with His mercy our lean outstretched hand.

On the eve of our coming the tents were set up  
On the hilltop of camp that was fully lit up.  
There were greetings and handclasps as friend met with friend  
And the tent-street was fashioned from end unto end.  
How the dust flew from bedding that long had been rolled  
While each detail of journeys was joyfully told.

But the session of evening was soon drawing near  
And we washed off the dust as we prepared to be there  
When the very first hour would bring to us here  
The theme of our meeting and its message so dear.  
We found the church filled and it

augured success  
As our hearts were all opened for the Spirit to bless.

Launch out on the deep meant to Peter a task  
To perform in obeisance, no questions to ask  
And gave him through life a vision of need  
To be guided by God, to the Spirit give heed.  
Through song and through words did the message ring  
To launch out on the deep, God's gospel to bring.

As we assembled again at our camp for the night  
We gathered around to sing songs 'neath the light.  
Of a car as its beams pierced the darkness so deep  
And the hearts of so many prayed that God would us keep  
And bring back the wanderers who had missed The Right Way  
To launch out on the deep while yet it was day.

The devotion thus ending each one sought their rest  
While the fellowship witnessed still stirred in the breast.  
At daylight the earliest built up the fire  
And water was sizzling, for coffee was a spire  
Of necessity at meals as the whole camp broke forth  
For the south men were Northmen as well as the north.

So followed there Friday and Saturday too  
And the fellowship lingered and steadily grew  
Till on Sunday at evening it blossomed to fruit  
On the hill-top with God when souls were renewed  
In their covenant with Him who promised to stay  
Beside us in trial throughout the long day.

What a vision of glory descended from Heaven  
As hearts turned to God and found Him as their haven  
Of rest through the turmoil of life and of fears!  
God grant that we steadfastly stand through the years.  
May we always His Word and His Sacraments keep  
And be ready with Christ to launch out on the deep.

— a camper at the Y.P.L.L. Convention.

### New Subscribers for Hyrden.

There are several good reasons for doing all possible to support our Canadian Church paper Hyrden. Many have expressed their appreciation of the new make-up of the paper.

Since the young people are given a definite space in the paper monthly, and since this can become an effective medium through which the various leagues can keep in touch with one another, we should like to suggest a method which could be used for securing subscriptions.

Here is the suggestion: Each local league could offer to pay one-half of the subscription price for all new subscribers. Since our subscription price is already so low that we cannot afford to offer reduced prices, the above suggestion would be a way in which it could be done. Hence, if the paper went into ten new homes, the cost to the local society would be only \$2.50.

In order that this plan, if adopted, be effectively carried out, representatives should be elected with a definitely assigned territory to place this offer before every home.

The benefits accruing in the form of increased interest through such an effort, would more than offset the expenditure. Will your league help in a campaign of this kind?

### Answers to Bible Questions in October number:

1. Jehovah, Jeremiah 2:13.
  2. Mahershalahashbaz Isaiah 8:3.
  3. Isaiah, II Kings 20:7.
  4. Haggai 1:6.
  5. Acts 24:24.
- Correct answers sent in by, Miss Alma Nelson, Maxim, Sask.  
Answers should be sent to the Editor of the Young People's Page in

order to save time.

### Bible Questions:

1. Give references where the words "Let us" are used in Hebrews.
2. Where is Phoebe mentioned?
3. Who said, "Let us go that we may die with Him"?
4. What names were given to Paul and Baranbas at Lystra?
5. Where are the words, "Flee as a bird to your mountain" found?

### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

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### In Memoriam.

The sad news has been received from China that Miss Groseth has passed to her eternal reward. Miss Groseth was born September 11, 1872, at Turner, S. D. She attended Vermilion University, Augustana College, Canton, S. D., and Madison Normal School. It was in 1901 that the small missionary force in China was augmented by her arrival.

Miss Groseth went to China as a young missionary and there poured out thirty-three years of her life for a Savior she loved, for a cause she loved, and for a people she loved. Unsparingly she gave of her energies and literally "burned out" for God. During her last days she was so weak that she had to be carried from place to place and we are reminded of Saint John who was also too feeble to walk to the Christian assemblies and was carried thither by young men. The words of the Book come to us, "When thou wast young thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest; but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall carry thee." There are few sights in this world more beautiful than a body spent, shattered, and worn out in the Master's service. To live and labor unselfishly until one is worn out—that is heroic Christianity—Christianity in action.

Those of us who knew Miss Groseth learned to love her. She was blessed with a dynamic personality and was always cheerful. Her optimism outshone the shortsighted, narrow living of some of us. She did not use many words but when she spoke she usually had something to say. Her words of cheer and comfort were always a spiritual tonic. To have this noble pioneer walking among us made us feel insignificant. Her loss will be felt not only by her co-workers in China and her friends in America but more especially by the Chinese at Tengchow where she gave the best years of her life.

It is unnecessary to go into a long eulogy regarding Miss Groseth as spiritual achievement speaks for itself but it might be well to remind one another of the passing of a great personality. Many Chinese have found God because of her. The lives of hundreds have been enriched because they have met her. We are all indebted to her for the example she set and for the sacrifices she made that the name of Jesus might be made known in China. We pause in silence—we honor her—blessed be her memory!

—DANIEL NELSON.

### Thank-Offering.

Again thank offering season on the W. M. F. Calendar is here. Letters have been sent to interested persons in each Circuit in order to further this work. May we remind the circuits again that the elect a thank offering secretary in each circuit and report the name of the one elected to the District Secretary.

Crop conditions vary much in the nine circuits of Canada District. In a few districts a good crop was harvested. In other places only fair. In other large sections of our church no crop was harvested and there is an acute scarcity of feed for the stock. Yet we dare invite all the ladies aids to share in the thank offering again this year.

The thank offering department does not exist only for the purpose of securing means to operate our church though that is highly necessary. The purpose of the department is very clearly and concisely

put by the General Thank Offering Secretary: (quote)

1st. "Our department mission is to develop in every member an increased spirit of thankfulness to God for all His mercies, the countless blessings from day to day, and to show this thankfulness in a material way by gifts to support Christian Education; 2nd. to acquaint our people with the many Christian activities within our schools, and benefits from attending. 3rd. to help increase attendance at Church Schools and also to promote Elementary Christian Education."

If all the ladies aids in Canada District would rally to the support of our schools by their prayers and gifts, a heavy load would be lifted.

Mrs. A. M. VINGE  
T. O Sec'y Canada District.

### Thankfulness.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O most High; to show forth Thy loving kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night." Ps: 1, 2.

Something besides humor is contained in this sentence by a writer of note: "Mr. Jimpson quit asking the blessing during the prosperous years when he was having so much to eat, but now he has so little that he is thankful for it."

One of the peculiarities of human nature is pictured there. "We saw not when we moved therein" is characteristic of periods of plenty. The great Thanksgiving of the Old Testament did not occur during the golden reign of Solomon but was rendered by the remnant that Nehemiah gathered in a Jerusalem whose glory had vanished. The Thanksgiving of the Pilgrim colony had its setting amidst privation, cold and peril.

The spirit of Thankfulness comes from an attitude of mind and heart. Some find it in what seems little; some miss it amidst abundance. But those who find it have added something valuable to their resources. For the more one draws upon it, the more one's capacity to find and appreciate is increased.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."

### A Good Thanksgiving Day.

Said old Gentleman Gay, "On a Thanksgiving Day,  
If you want a good time, then give something away."  
So he sent a fat turkey to Shoemaker Price.  
And the shoemaker said, "What a big bird! How nice!  
And, since a good dinner's before me, I ought  
To give poor widow Lee the small chicken I bought."

"This fine Chicken, O see! said the pleased widow Lee,  
"And the kindness that sent it, how precious to me!  
I would like to make someone as happy as I—  
I'll give washwoman Biddy my big pumpkin pie."

"And, Oh, sure!" Biddy said, "tis the queen of all pies!  
Just to look at its yellow face gladdens my eyes!  
Now it's my turn, I think, and a sweet ginger cake  
For the motherless Finnegan children I'll bake."

"A sweet cake all our own! 'Tis too good to be true!"  
Said the Finnegan children, Rose, Denny, and Hugh;  
"It smells sweet of spice, and we'll carry a slice  
To poor little lame Jake, who has nothing that's nice."

"Oh, I thank you and thank you," said little lame Jake,  
"Oh, what a beautiful, beautiful, beautiful cake!  
And, Oh, such a big slice! I will save the crumbs,  
And will give 'em to each little sparrow that comes!"

And the sparrows they twittered, as if they would say,  
Like old Gentleman Gay, "On a Thanksgiving Day,  
If you want a good time, then give something away."

— Marian Douglass.